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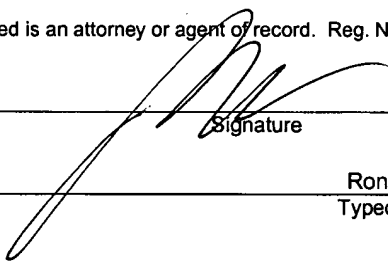   expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee;
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